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SUBJ: NYERERE TO PROMOTE ETHIO-SUDANESE ACCORD ON ERITREA
AT OAU SUMMIT

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1. REFTEL PARA 2, EMBASSY ADDIS BELIEVES THAT CHANCES OF
MENGISTU'S CHOOSING TO DENOUNCE EMPEROR'S ABROGATION OF
1950 UN-SPONSORED FEDERATION ARE SO SLIM THAT WE SHOULD
NOT SUGGEST TO NYERERE WE HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE HE
MIGHT. MENGISTU MAY EVENTUALLY NEGOTIATE WITH ERITREAN

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GROUPS, BUT UN RESOLUTION IS SUCH AN ANATHEMA --
ENGINEERED BY WESTERN IMPERIALISTS -- HE CAN HARDLY BE
EXPECTED TO UPHOLD IT.

2. REFTEL PARA 3, WE HAVE NOT INTERPRETED REMARK IN
BEIRUT PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT "SELF-DETERMINATION" AS
MEANING SECESSIONISTS WILL SETTLE FOR AUTONOMY. THEIR

CALL FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, HAS ALWAYS BEEN CALL FOR VOTE OF ERITREAN POPULACE CHOOSING BETWEEN SOME FORM OF AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE. IN THAT CASE INDEPENDENCE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY WIN, AND PMGSE KNOWS IT DESPITE RHETORIC CONCERNING THE WILL OF THE BROAD MASSES OF ERITREA.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR MENGISTU TO TRAVEL TO KHARTOUM, BUT FINAL DECISION IS YET TO BE MADE. MENGISTU WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME TURNING DOWN INVITATION FROM NYERERE WHO CONTINUES TO BE GIVEN PUBLIC CONSIDERATION AS A LEADING ANTI-WESTERN IMPERIALIST.
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